

OFFERED \$25,000 TO DESERT TAFT

Alvah Martin Could Have Had That Sum for the Taking.

MONEY WAS PLENTIFUL

"Lots of Campaign Funds" From "Fine Source" for Roosevelt.

Columbia, S. C., July 24.—Republican politicians throughout the South are beginning to compare notes regarding the efforts made by the financial backers of Colonel Roosevelt to recruit delegates to the Republican National Convention favorable to him. Disclosures already made and promised are expected to shed convincing illumination upon the charges made by the managers of President Taft in his recent presidential nomination that the supporters of Colonel Roosevelt resorted to bribery to secure the selection of delegates favorable to him or the conversion of Taft delegates to his cause.

The Taft managers openly charged that agents acting in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt or pretending to do so offered sums of money to national committee men representing Southern States to send Roosevelt delegates to Chicago or to let the Oyster Bay aspirant, a World correspondent, who was talked with several Republican leaders of Southern States, has learned of the activities of a member of the national committee representing an important Eastern State in the interest of Colonel Roosevelt.

Secret Work in South. Before the Colonel made his "key-note" speech on February 21 before the Ohio Constitutional Convention this national committee man made a hurried trip through the South. His purpose was to line up as many of his associates as possible for Colonel Roosevelt.

For obvious reasons the Eastern committee man operated on rubber-tires. No publicity characterized his movements. His presence was not always established by the signature he left on the hotel registers. He avoided newspaper reporters and the watchful friends of President Taft. He spent some time in Virginia, crossed over into North Carolina, tarried in South Carolina and Georgia and before his mission ended had recruited most of the other Southern States. He told the Republican leaders with whom he talked "in confidence" that the Roosevelt campaign would be well financed, placing special emphasis on this feature.

"You join the Roosevelt movement and you shall have all the money you need for campaign purposes and more," was the proposition he made to more than three leaders.

National Committee Man Alvah H. Martin of Virginia, was among the men approached by this agent sent out to gauge sentiment and offer aid. Mr. Martin was a close political friend of Colonel Roosevelt during the latter's term in the White House. Mr. Roosevelt wanted the Virginia delegation and thought that Mr. Martin could get it for him.

Tells Martin of Finances. The Eastern national committee man, fresh from a conference with Colonel Roosevelt, told Mr. Martin that he would visit him and lay before him an important matter.

Mr. Martin received the visitor and heard his offer. The Roosevelt man told Mr. Martin that the Colonel wanted him to help him out in Virginia. "I did not know that the Roosevelt was a candidate," said Mr. Martin.

"That is all right," responded the caller, "he will announce himself in due time."

It was explained by the agent of the Colonel that the Columbus speech, which was to be a corker, would be followed by a formal announcement. Martin told the visitor that he was for Taft and thought the majority of Virginia Republicans were.

"Be for us, we need you," was the reply. "The Colonel likes you, and we can help each other; you help us and we will help you. We can keep your campaign for re-election from costing you anything. How much will your campaign cost you?"

"Oh, about \$5,000 from first to last," said the Virginian.

"Five thousand? That is not a drop in the bucket to what you would get from us if you dropped Taft and took up Roosevelt," said the Roosevelt agent.

"Where is all this money coming from?" asked Mr. Martin.

"From a fine source. We are going to have lots of campaign funds," was the reply.

During the conversation it is said Mr. Martin was told that he could have \$25,000 or more if he would undertake the work.

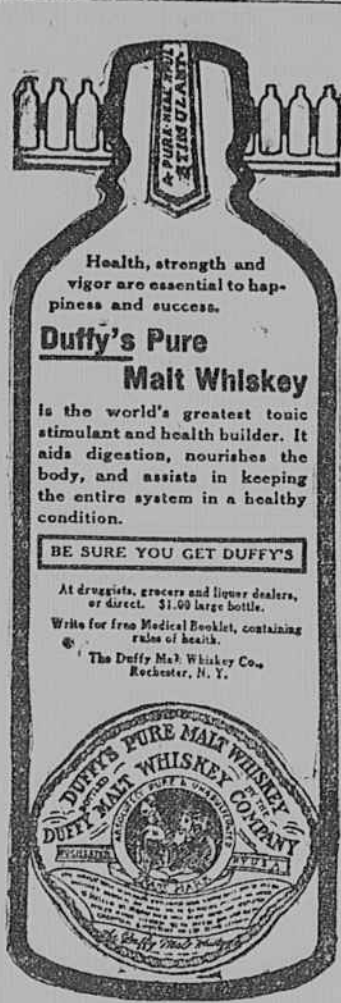
Mr. Martin did not accept the offer. He continued his efforts for Mr. Taft. Early in January the Virginia Republicans in convention assembled at Roanoke instructed for Taft.

McLarg After Martin, Too. Ormsby McLarg, the Roosevelt scout in the South during the campaign, had nothing to do with the making of this offer, but three or four times after that he tried to get Mr. Martin to join the Virginia leaders to join the Roosevelt forces.

To several other Southern leaders similar propositions were made by the Roosevelt committee man. One man claims that he could have had \$100,000 for his state if he had joined the Colonel's forces.

The contest between the Roosevelt and Taft forces for the South developed into a national scandal. Democrats and Republicans in Southern States are now engaged in digging up the details of the trades that were offered and in some instances made and carried out to the letter.

Falling to win over the leaders, Colonel Roosevelt's agents undertook to corral the delegates. McLarg, the con-



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test lawyer for the third term candidacy, started contacts in Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia and other Southern States.

At Chicago, where the contest was being waged, Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey agents had offered money to win delegates from Taft were made of Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia delegates. Charles Banks, of Mississippi, handed money to the Taft Managers which he declared he had got from the T. R. managers, saying that he was not for sale.—New York Herald.

ENTHUSIASM FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

Iowa Progressives Indorse Him as "Foremost Man of the World."

Des Moines, Ia., July 24.—Roosevelt enthusiasm marked the closing scenes in the first Iowa state progressive party convention here, which to-day chose a full set of delegates to the national convention at Chicago, organized a working state central committee and provided for congressional district and county organization. The platform adopted condemns the Republican National Convention and President Taft, severely criticizes President Taft and his administration, and denounces what is alleged to be his subservience to the special interests, eulogizes Theodore Roosevelt as the "foremost man of the world," and declares for his nomination and election.

Negroes Will Contest. Birmingham, Ala., July 24.—Two complete delegations will go from Alabama to the third party convention in Chicago in August. Failing to get recognition in the regular State convention held here to-day, the Negro progressive Republicans met tonight and elected a full contesting delegation.

The "illy white" convention, after a spirited debate over the question of recognizing the negro element, elected twenty-four delegates, each worth one-half a vote, indorsed Roosevelt and woman suffrage, and declined to indorse Judge Ben F. Lindsay, of Denver, for Vice-President on the progressive ticket. J. O. Thompson served as chairman. An executive committee also was elected.

SHEPPARD MAKES NEW RECORD.

American Olympic Team Athletes in Meet at Berlin.

Berlin, July 24.—Several of the members of the American Olympic team were winners in the same held to-day. W. Sheppard, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, won the 100 metres, establishing a new record of 21.9 seconds, which is 1-10 seconds better than the German record. Ralph Rose bettered by fifteen centimetres (nearly six inches) the record for putting the square stone, weighing 35.2 pounds, although he had never taken part in the event before. Donald F. Lippincott, of Pennsylvania, easily defeated the German sprinter, Bau, in the 30 metre dash. The Americans, with the exception of Rose, left tonight for Budapest.

Captain Lamb to Speak. Congressman John Lamb will address the citizens of Barton Heights in the town hall to-night.

Condition of Emperor. Tokio, July 24.—The official bulletin issued at 6 o'clock this morning, on the condition of the Emperor, was more reassuring than that posted at 11 o'clock Wednesday. This morning's bulletin gave the temperature of the Emperor as 98.5, pulse 104, respiration 22. Last night's bulletin showed temperature, 100.1, pulse over 100, irregular, patient increasingly fatigued.

The physicians remained at the bedside throughout the night, as conditions were considered unfavorable. A minister of the household said this morning, however, that the Emperor had slept fairly well. The acceleration of the pulse is regarded as serious, but not critical.

"He bit the hand that fed him" said Teddy of Big Bill And didn't tell us if the bite had made the biter ill.

Now had Toasties been the subject of Bill's voracious bite He'd have come back for another with a keener appetite.

Written by WILLIAM T. HINCKS, 207 State St., Bridgeport, Conn.

One of the 50 Jingles for which the Boston Co., Battle Creek, Mich., paid \$1000.00 in May.

CAUGHT LAKERATS IN MINE FLOODED BY CLOUD BURST

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around the manway a day or two ago when the water was high, was washed away, and the waters rushed into the mine so rapidly that the pit was filled in less than thirty minutes.

It was reported to-night that three men had lost their lives in the recent No. 2 mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, about half a mile from Superba Mines. About 100 men were caught in the floor there, but all escaped but three who are at present unaccounted for.

Two of the victims are Uniontown men and well known throughout the county. They are Russell Gardner, aged thirty-five, and Pierce Solomon, aged thirty-five. Mr. Solomon had decided to quit the mine and intended to work only a few days more. Both he and Gardner leave wives and large families.

When it was certain that the thirteen men had perished the survivors persisted in forming a rescue party into the mine.

Officials of the mine, however, positively refused to allow men uselessly to risk their lives in that manner. The mine is filled to such an extent that it would be impossible for any man to enter more than 100 yards without being in danger of being drowned. One woman, the wife of Andy Valco, who is left with five little children, oldest aged eight, made a dash into the mine, taking some distance down the slope before being overtaken. The woman tore her clothes from her body in her anguish when she was refused entrance at the slope.

Mine Inspector I. G. Roby went to the scene of the disaster a short time after it had been reported to him. He stated that as far as he could ascertain the catastrophe was unavoidable.

Dunbar Is Devastated. Dunbar, Pa., July 24.—A devastating cloud-burst rushing down the mountain spread ruin throughout Dunbar to-day. A cloud-burst transformed small streams into raging torrents. A number of buildings were completely wrecked and hundreds of others damaged. The town is almost entirely under water to-night, and conditions are chaotic.

Up to late to-night no fatalities had been reported.

City Hall, police headquarters, Samuel Joseph's restaurant, E. E. Kelly's jewelry store, W. J. Bowers' grocery store, two warehouses and a number of dwellings were swept away completely. Not a house in the islands escaped injury. Over 200 are submerged.

The main thoroughfare is blocked with debris, and at points the wreckage is piled twenty feet high. The track foundations of the Pennsylvania Railroad were swept away, and the track dropped into the creek, and the platform was carried away and the building partly wrecked. The property of the Freeport Coal Company and the United Coal Company have sustained incalculable damage. All bridges in the vicinity, except one in the heart of the town, were torn from their moorings and broken up by the surging water.

A score of families were caught in their homes in the lower section of the town. They were in imminent danger of drowning. A rescue party of six men, who volunteered, went to their assistance and succeeded up to 10 o'clock in taking the members of seven families to safety.

To rescue the marooned people, it was necessary for the rescuers to swim to the almost submerged homes. One at a time the victims were brought back to high ground.

This place is located two and a half miles from Connellsville. From Dunbar to Uniontown railroad tracks have been washed out in long stretches and train service is abandoned. Other roads are blocked by landslides. Tons of earth slipping down from the hillsides are effectively tied up all kinds of traffic. Many narrow escapes from death were encountered by residents of Dunbar.

Horsemen Spread Warning. Brownsville, Pa., July 24.—Horsemen dashing frantically down the Red Stone Valley to-day, often with water up to the saddle girths, made a journey of nine miles in time to save the lives of hundreds of persons at Smock, a mining village. Aside from the great quantity of water due to the cloud-burst, it was feared a huge reservoir was about to let go.

"To the hills, to the hills, the reservoir is breaking,"

The cry caused terror among the miners, and within a few moments 1,000 families were rushing through the muddy water to the hillsides. Soon the water rushed into the mining village, causing heavy damage. To-night the miners and their families are camped in a pouring rain on the hillsides under makeshift shelters of blankets, quilts, boards and straw.

An unconfirmed rumor to-night is to the effect that from six to ten miners were drowned before they could reach safety. When the alarm was spread, over 500 men were at work in the mine. According to mine officials all of them were saved.

Although the reservoir held, the miners have refused to leave their hide camp. Communication throughout the Red Stone Valley is interrupted seriously and few details of the devastation and reported loss of life can be secured.

Pittsburgh Is Flooded. Pittsburgh, July 24.—For the second time since last Sunday, heavy rains of the heaviest rains in years. In less than three hours the city was close to three inches of precipitation was adding the city all small streams are out of their banks. The raging torrents have crippled transportation facilities, while questionable mud has resulted in a dozen small towns.

Early to-night Turtle Creek, near here, was rising four inches an hour. Families living on the lowlands were surrounded by the bill.

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are filled with debris and impassable to traffic.

Hundreds Flee for Lives. Jeanette, Pa., July 24.—A cloud-burst rushing down the mountain spread ruin here and Greensburg to-day. The lowlands were quickly inundated, and hundreds of persons were compelled to flee for their lives. Real estates and business places were almost completely submerged in some districts, while the Minor Valley and Turtle Creek Railroad, together with trolley services, were put out of commission.

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Flood Losses \$1,000,000. Wausau, Wis., July 24.—Flood damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was wrought to-day from the breaking of two dams on the Wisconsin River north of Wausau. Three bridges in this city have been washed out and a fourth has been partly destroyed.

All electric power, including street car service, has been put out of commission.

The dams which were swept away are known as the Touhawn-Brokaw structures. The flood made inroads on the water works plant and cut off the city's supply.

A large volume of water swept down the river front, covering the streets of Wausau near the river and surrounding the city hall, and business is demoralized. No loss of life has yet been reported.

The water, which is several feet above normal, is receding.

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FREAK ANGERS TOMCAT

He Slays Kitten With Three Heads and Twelve Legs.

Dennison, Ohio, July 24.—A freak kitten belonging to James Edie, of Stillwater, was killed Tuesday by a vicious tomcat. The kitten had three heads, twelve legs and three tails. Two of the heads were gray and one black; two of the tails were gray and one black; eight of the legs were gray and four black. The body was a mixture of gray and black.

Josephus Daniels, of the Raleigh News and Observer, W. H. Harvey, of New York, and N. L. Buzz, of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, also spoke.

Seltz Defends Newspapers. Morehead City, N. C., July 24.—At the opening session of the fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association here to-day Don C. Seltz, of the New York World, defended American newspapers. He declared that there is no foundation in fact or charge frequently made that a great many newspapers are controlled by corrupt influences.

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